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Week ending April 25, 2010

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 25, 2010**. Fieldwork progressed nicely due to the warm, dry weather during the week. The weekend storms provided needed rain for most of the state. There was damage from tornadoes, high winds, and hail in a wide path stretching from Eagle Lake to Starkville. The Southwest and South-Central regions of the state are still dry despite weekend rains. Soil moisture was rated 5 percent very short, 12 percent short, 62 percent adequate and 21 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending April 25, 2010

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	96	91	87	93
Corn, emerged	86	70	71	82
Cotton, planted	28	12	11	18
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	31	18	25	21
Peanuts, planted	0	0	0	2
Rice, planted	70	45	35	54
Rice, emerged	34	9	13	26
Sorghum, planted	54	30	27	43
Sorghum, emerged	30	0	9	19
Soybeans, planted	60	44	30	48
Soybeans, emerged	25	10	14	29
Watermelons, planted	80	75	76	74
Winter Wheat, jointing	99	95	99	99
Winter Wheat, heading	56	16	87	85

Crop condition for week ending April 25, 2010

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Blueberries	1	1	8	83	7
Corn	0	5	22	58	15
Livestock	2	11	26	50	11
Pasture	2	12	34	43	9
Watermelons	0	0	0	100	0
Winter Wheat	0	6	22	61	11

Comments

“We are finishing up with planting corn. Getting the rest of the soybeans and rice in the ground is now our priority. Rice levies are being made and some fields have been flooded once.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“We got 2-3 inches from the storms but no wind or hail damage. Cotton planting will be in high gear as soon as it dries out.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Corn and soybean planting progressed during the drier conditions of the week. Wheat is heading with few disease or insect problems.

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Some producers had stopped planting soybeans due to dry soils. They will start again this week, due to a good rain Friday and Saturday. Corn is up, fertilized and herbicides applied. Most cotton has yet to be planted.”

— Robert Martin, Issaquena, Sharkey

“We had five good days for planting with excellent progress being made with cotton, soybean and rice planting, although some fields were getting too dry to plant by Friday. Friday afternoon and night we had severe storms with hard rain. This may cause problems with the seed being washed out of the ground and/or soil crusting. We will have to look at the fields come Monday.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Storms and tornadoes over the weekend have caused much damage in this area. Areas where storms struck will likely not be able to resume fieldwork for several days, however outside the affected areas work will likely resume by mid week.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Rain over the weekend ranged from just the right amount to over 3 inches. Growers were able to plant almost all their soybeans, all the corn, most of the rice, and some cotton.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Weekend rains were very helpful to growers. Lots of fieldwork has been completed in the last two weeks. Cotton growers will be able to plant when it dries up.”

— Don Respass, Quitman

“Field tillage, planting corn and applying burndown herbicides were the major farm activities this past week.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“In Itawamba County rain was sufficient on Saturday.”

— Romona O. Edge, Itawamba

“Monday - Friday saw good weather conditions. The conditions for fieldwork was very favorable with very little planted due to farmers still breaking the ground. Saturday saw severe weather conditions.”

— Shelaine Pennington, Prentiss

“Corn looks good and dry land soybeans are planted. Maturity group IVs are being planted. Some producers are flushing rice. The north end of the county had a slower start due to wetter fields early.”

—Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Crop planting has progressed very well this week. Rain over the weekend was scattered around the county.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“The April 24 storm brought about 1.5 inches of rain along with a tornado which caused extensive damage to homes and timber in the county.”

— Juli Hughes, Choctaw

“Along w/ tornado that ripped through parts of Holmes County on Saturday there were reports of some small hail.”

— Betsy K. Padgett, Holmes

“Believe it or not - we are starting to get dry in some parts of the county. Forage is actively growing since the soil warmed up and got some fertilizer applied. Let us not forget those less fortunate that were in Saturday's tornado path.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Rains over the weekend were much needed. Much needed moisture for pasture and grazing land came right on time.”

— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper

“The brief rains received on Saturday was just enough to "make the moisture meet". We really needed more moisture.”

— Mark Mowdy, Franklin

“Rain is in the forecast again for the weekend that includes April 24th and 25th. We have planted many fields while the rain held off. It looks like we may be run out of the fields again. We will see what the weather does. We have almost all the corn planted and the Soybean seeds are being planted as I fill out this report. Maybe the weather will hold off and we won't fall behind again.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“We received much needed rains with the bad storm over the weekend. The county experienced some high winds.”

— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

“Weekend thunderstorms brought some welcomed rain. Fieldwork should continue this week.”

— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

“Most of county received 1 to 2 inches of rain.”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

“Cool season hay harvest is in full swing. Predicted rains this weekend will halt harvest activities. Soybeans are being planted. Blueberries, corn, and watermelons are progressing nicely.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 25, 2010									
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	83	48	65	64	1	3.75	2.56	2	5.28
Cleveland	84	48	66	65	1	0.07	-1.26	2	2.07
Lambert 1W	86	45	66			1.35	0.23	2	3.28
Tunica 2N	84	48	66	64	2	2.86	1.53	3	4.60
Extreme/Average	86	45	66	64	2	2.01	0.75	2	3.81
North-Central									
Batesville 2SW	83	43	64	62	2	1.20	0.01	1	3.06
Calhoun City	81	43	63	63	0	1.94	0.61	2	3.46
Hickory Flat	81	39	59	61	-2	1.56	0.30	2	3.57
Holly Springs 4N	82	38	63	60	3	3.17	1.98	2	4.82
Independence	81	41	63	62	1	3.05	1.91	2	4.52
Oxford	83	41	63	62	1	1.12	-0.07	2	2.90
Water Valley	81	43	62	62	0	0.92	-0.34	2	1.62
Extreme/Average	83	38	63	62	1	1.85	0.59	2	3.85
Northeast									
Booneville	80	41	62	62	0	2.04	0.83	2	3.28
Corinth 7SW	81	42	62	64	-2	2.42	1.23	2	3.19
Iuka	80	38	60	59	1	1.68	0.49	1	3.20
Tupelo 2	82	45	64			0.00		0	0.82
Pontotoc Exp Stn	81	44	63	63	0	0.13	-1.13	1	1.56
Verona	82	44	63	63	0	1.15	-0.03	2	1.95
Extreme/Average	82	38	62	63	-1	1.24	0.03	1	2.33
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	83	50	67	65	2	1.86	0.53	1	3.39
Moorhead	83	50	67	66	1	3.01	1.73	2	4.18
Rolling Fork	86	49	67	65	2	0.83	-0.43	3	2.22
Yazoo City 5NNE	85	49	68	66	2	1.15	-0.18	2	2.40
Extreme/Average	86	49	67	66	1	1.71	0.43	2	3.05
Central									
Canton 4N	85	44	65	66	-1	0.51	-0.84	2	1.73
Eupora 2E	83	41	62	63	-1	4.35	3.10	1	5.29
Forest 3S	84	42	65	65	0	0.49	-0.83	3	2.99
Kosciusko	82	41	63	64	-1	1.26	-0.06	2	2.21
Winona 5E	80	41	61	60	1	3.83	2.57	3	5.56
Extreme/Average	85	41	63	64	-1	2.09	0.76	2	3.12
East-Central									
Aberdeen	82	44	63	63	0	3.28	2.09	2	3.78
Brooksville Exp	85	49	65			0.00	-1.29	0	1.04
Columbus	84	43	65	64	1	2.24	0.99	2	3.50
State University	84	45	65	63	2	3.22	1.96	2	4.25
Extreme/Average	85	43	65	64	1	2.19	0.92	2	3.84
Southwest									
Crystal SPRG Exp	83	49	66	66	0	0.27	-1.09	2	0.87
Natchez	85	46	65	67	-2	0.03	-1.34	1	0.44
Oakley Exp	86	52	68	65	3	0.41	-0.93	2	1.39
Port Gibson 1NE	85	45	65	64	1	0.19	-1.14	1	0.85
Vicksburg	84	49	68			0.22		2	1.19
Extreme/Average	86	45	66	66	0	0.22	-1.14	2	0.84
South-Central									
Collins	82	46	66	65	1	0.60	-0.66	2	1.60
Columbia	84	50	67	66	1	1.12	-0.21	1	2.96
Monticello	89	46	68	65	3	0.01	-1.39	1	0.81
Raleigh 6N	82	41	63			0.07		1	0.83
Extreme/Average	89	41	66	66	0	0.45	-0.88	1	1.55
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	81	52	66	67	-1	0.25	-1.01	1	2.39
Laurel	84	47	64	65	-1	2.15	0.96	1	3.51
Newton Exp	83	42	64	63	1	1.71	0.38	4	4.24
Waynesboro 2W	86	47	66	65	1	1.20	0.16	2	2.97
Extreme/Average	86	42	65	66	-1	1.33	0.14	2	3.28
Coastal									
Biloxi	78	54	69	68	1	1.24	0.14	3	1.75
Wiggins	82	48	66	67	-1	0.10	-1.09	1	0.32
Extreme/Average	82	48	67	68	-1	0.67	-0.50	2	1.75
State	89	38	65	65	0	1.37	0.10	2	2.72